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MAKE A RESOLUTION EVEN IF YOU DON'T KEEP IT

From time immemorial it has been the custom to make New Year resolutions. Dating back to the same time it has been customary to break them.

The jokesmiths have made great sport of the New Year resolution, and many persons who otherwise might be constrained to make a profitable resolve have deferred it because they doubted their strength to withstand temptation, and thereby exaggerated their weakness.

The custom of making resolutions should not be abandoned. The person who resolves to do a good turn is more likely to do it than the person who makes no resolution. The person who makes a resolution and breaks it is stronger than if he had lacked the courage to make it. Each succeeding resolution leaves # person stronger than he was when he made the first one.

There is good to be gotten out of a resolve, even though it never materializes, and there is no end of satisfaction in the resolution that is observed.

A good resolution inspires respect in one for himself. He might have thought he lacked sympathy or sentiment, or that he had grown crusty and unsympathetic. The resolution is likely to reveal a lot of unsuspected good that a man sometimes forget that he possesses.

A resolution is a potential performance. The act of making it is evidence that the thing can be done. The man who says no more than "I resolve to be honest" will find that he has set

advantage of his neighbor. It will rise before his eyes as an intangible obstacle to every unworthy suggestion of advantage.

The woman who says, "I will repeat no unkind thing of my neighbor," may not attain to perfection by a single bound, but the resolution once made will bridle many a thoughtless tongue that meant no harm, but carried with it a sting that time might not erase from the reputation of some indiscreet but innocent character.

This is a good time to make a resolution. The world is launching into a new era. This country is marking a new course in national affairs. We have launched into an uncharted sea, and there is no chart or compass so reliable as the simple resolve to be just and exact justice.

There is comfort and satisfaction in meditation along these lines. The man who will do it will find he is better than he thought he was, and he will reveal it unconsciously to those with whom he comes in contact. He will be a little gentler, if nothing else, a little more sympathetic with the frailties of others, perhaps; maybe he will see some good where before he found only fault, and the world will, after all, be a more cheerful place in which to live.

About the only differences that ever arise between men are points of view. One is as likely to be right as the other, if both have the same moral foundations. If both are obstinate they can be made to approach the issue from the proper point of view.

It would be well for each one to resolve to work harder this year than ever before; to give more to the things that are worthy, and strive harder to lay a little something by. Contentment rests upon prosperity, and prosperity is largely within the trailities and the worthy, and strive harder to lay a little something by. Contentment rests upon prosperity, and prosperity is largely within of the mother-line was an abilitation of the mother of the worthy, and strive harder to lay a little something by contentment of the mother-line was contained to the worthy, and strive harder to lay a little something

worthy, and strive harder to lay a little something by. Contentment rests upon prosperity, and prosperity is largely within the grasp of the man who makes opportunity.

If there are a lot of worthy resolutions and a lot more of serious deliberations upon the theme of being one's brother's keeper, the close of the year will find a better situation, and everyone who takes the trouble to make the resolutions will have a happier year. Make the resolution if you think you will break it. Make it to show that you have that much moral stamina. It is worth it.

GREATNESS

An English publicist, journalist, or whatever men who write for their own amusement wish to call themselves, has announced the names of the twelve greatest men produced by the war.

Notwithstanding President Wilson, Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Foch are among the list, as are Lenine and Wilhelm, it must appear obvious that the place of none is secure except that of the military heroes.

The battles that are to be fought on the field and on the sea-and we observe that none of the great ones are among the sea fighters in the list prepared-are over. They may be written into the permanent history of the world. What has been gained and what has been lost is established. But with statesmen it is different. It often has been said that it is not safe to name a child for a statesman unless he is dead.

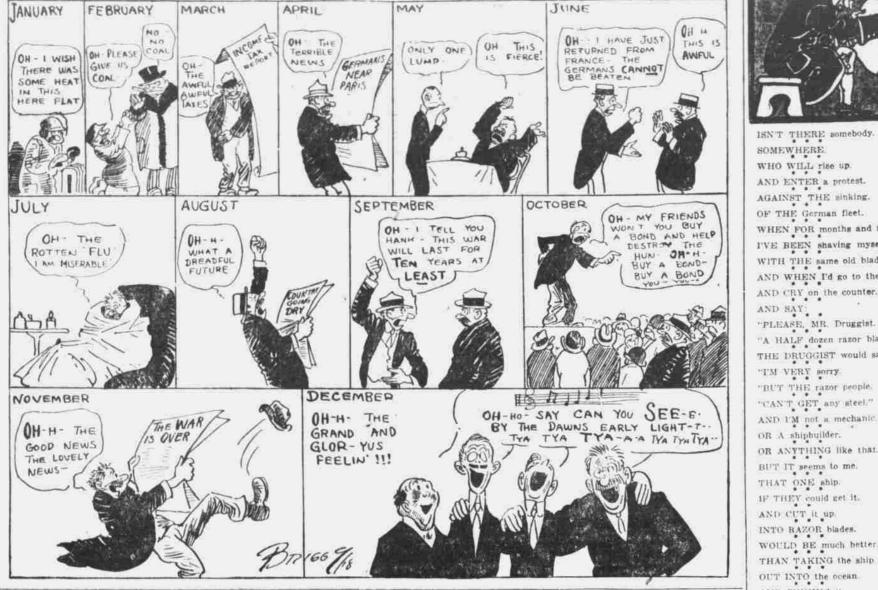
The great work of diplomacy is still untouched. The best minds of Europe and America have not yet gotten together the tangled threads of disorder, much less made any headway in the work of harmonizing the discordant elements that set all the

It is not the tree that has been planted, but the fruit it brings forth that will count. Before he end of the peace conference, we take it, there will be reputations made, and perhaps some will be lost. It all depends upon the loyalty with which they sustain the principles they are pledged to support. There will be alluring influences at the council table that will search for weak spots in the souls of those who speak for the nations. The men who come away unsullied by the suspicion of selfish interest, and with none of the enthusiasm for righteousness in the least abated, will have their permanent places among the great men produced by the war.

MORE COTTON

In any direction that one may ride 60 miles from Memphis he will meet and pass through cotton fields that do not seem to have been picked over. Of a truth the fields are white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few. War, of course, explains all. But surely with cotton selling for say 25 cents the pound, it should pay handsomely to pick out the staple. Planters are paying as high as \$2 the hundred for cotton picking. An average negro family will pick out 600 pounds a day, which will make 200 pounds of lint cotton, and at 25 cents the pound will aggregate more than \$50.

This crop should not be wasted. It should be gathered carefully and marketed, not only to compensate the ones who raised it, but to add to the general wealth of the nation, and especially Oh! The Terrible Review of 1918—By Briggs



BY DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

A SCHOOL FOR IN-LAWS.

their disposition as a hot positive brings out the measles.

They hump their backs and spit at each other at sight in spite of the fact that they are perfectly aware that by so doing they are going to jeopardize not only their own happiness, but that of the unforturate man who is the bone of contention between them, and whom both of them think they love.

Certainly a school for mothers-in-law that would teach them to deal with forhearance, with tact and discretion with their sons and daughters-in-law is a much needed institution, and it is not hard to suggest what its curriculum should be.

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It should begin with combating the old fallacy that when a woman's sen marries she gets a new daughter, and when her daughter marries she gets a new son. She doesn't This miracle no more takes place psychically than it does physically. Your own children are used to all of your little ways and know that your marging simply means your over-aux.

of your little wavs and know that your magging simply means your over-anxious mother love and interest in them. Therefore they can forgive it. To your in-laws, who are not used to you and have no affection for you, your magging is simply an intolerable affliction not to be borne.

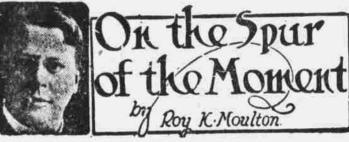
Also, for your own children You make a million excuses for everything that they do and don't do, but you sit in stern judgment on the shortcomings of your in-laws and they resent your unjust criticism accordingly.

This makes the solution of the moth-This makes the solution of the mother-lin-law question practically a case of absence of the body, and if the school for mothers-in-law can teach women that it is better for them to live in a hotel, a boarding house or even the poorhouse than with their married children, millions of grateful people will rise and bless its name. (Copyright, 1918, by the Wheeler Syn-dicate, Inc.)

THE IMPETUOUS YANK.

The advance was rapid, amazingly so Meeting the long-prepared offensive our divisions broke through, passed all objectives, and dashed on A na-tional vigor, which has lain fallow ever since sunget at Gettysburg, flowered afresh in that tempestuous dawn at Chateau Thierry. Prodigal youth flung have no affection for you, your has laye no affection for you, your has ging is simply an intolerable affliction not to be borne.

Also, for your own children You make a million excuses for everything that they do and don't do, but you sit in stern judgment on the shortcomings of your in-laws and they resent your unjust criticism accordingly. Therefore, learn as the first lesson in the mother-th-law course that your in-laws are strangers and treat them.



Our favorite old guide, philosopher and friend, Bean Broadway, observes that the starving Germans have abolished meatless days and allowed themselves more bread. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the beaten German is peculiar.

Our news from the peace conference is going to be creeled and then

Henry Ford must have more money than he knows what to do with. He is going to start a newspaper. .

There can be no doubting that Von Tirpitz is brave to the point of recklessness. He has shaved off his 50 years' growth of whiskers right at the beginning of a long, cold winter.

The waiters on strike, says a report, do not get much sympathy from the cafe customers. The customers have been expressing their sympathy for a good many years through the medium of substantial

FRENCH AT A GLANCE Horse de combat-Wartime beef.

Chevalier d'industrie-Man who starts with a pin and soon owns steel corporation

Chef d'Hoover-Something to eat, but not very much, Noblesse oblige-The higher they are, the harder they fall. Nom de plume-A pen name, like Sing Sing. Vermisseau-A worm (see ultimate consumer)

the baseball war, he will be entitled to the Nobel peace prize next year

Judging by the rate at which sanitary plants are being built along the w. k. Atlantic seaboard, the returning soldiers are not only going

and the young continental officer who was the hero stood talking to the heroine, and as he did so he leaned against a telephone pole. Some people ask what's the matter with the pictures. nothing the matter with 'em. They're great.

Most all the men'in this country are brave to the point of reckless ness. Hardly any of them wear suspenders any more.

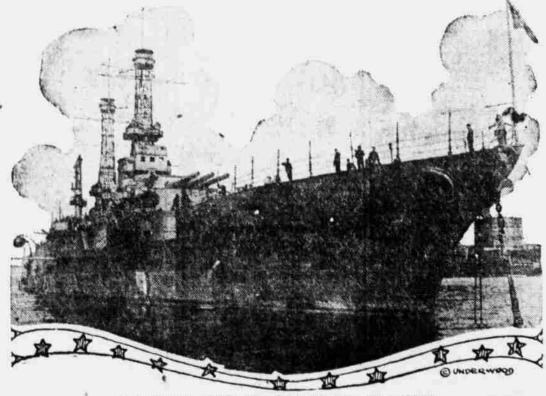
People in the different parts of China don't speak the same language. Consular report. And they wouldn't have anything interesting to say if they did.

'American Medical Journal asks: "What makes us fall or short?" We know what makes us short.

"THE PROPRIETOR EATS HERE, TOO.

We have been considerably perplexed, trying to decide whether this headline found in a Western paper, is a knock or a boost: "Soldier's Romance Ends With Wedding."

New Superdreadnought Success



U. S. S. NEW MEXICO AT ANCHOR IN NEW YORK HARBOR

The superdreadnought New Mexico, with her sister ship the new Mississippi, was the largest and most powerful ating fort in the recent naval review. The New Mexico is the flagship of Vice-Admiral Albert Grant. It is electedly driven. It recently completed some very satisfactory tests. This great ship and is sister ship are 624 feet wand of 12 600 tents dualinearment. Neither which has been overcome.

Pate de foi gras-Clean out the kitchen. Maitre de hotel-Boy who hands you the bad news on the cafe

If Mr. Taft, in the capacity of one-man commission, can clean up

to be demobilized, but decootied. Went to see a Revolntionary romance in the movies the other night

Buddy observed the following sign in a Sixth avenue restaurant:

PUBLIC DISCUSSION **************

Would it be asking too much to have your cartoonist express my feelings? I refer to the "ain't li ii Grand and Glorious Feeling" cartoon.

Our place of business is heated by gas radiators, ami for about two mouths the sulphur has been so bad that we can hardly stay in the office. If you put up the window you freeze, you go out to lunch hoping it will be better after noon, return and find the place almost unbearable, and if you turn off the heat you freeze. All the confort you get is the thoughts of getting home to the oil reliable, the grate. After riding for it minutes on a car with all windows open (on account of the flui, you finally get home to confort. Thanking you, I am

MISUNDERSTOOD.

The satior returning a trifle saturated, found his hitherts respected and respectable ship carouffaced in the most medern cubist style! Burning his eye over the whole mess of conflicting squares, triangles lines, circles and sundry other blobs of paint which strated the aides of this home." and blinking stupidly at the fideously screaming color scheme, he slowly raised his right hand, while the tears coursed down his cheeks, and murimured wearly. "Never again."

"Did the postman leave any letters, Mary?" asked the housewife. "Nothing but a postcard, ma'sm." "Who is it from Mary?" "And do you think I'd read it, ma'am?" asked the girl, with an intered all.

me a measure on a postcard is either stupid or impertinent."
"You'll excuse me, ma'am," returned the girl, loftily. "but that's a nice way to be talkin' about your own mother."



ISN'T THERE somebody.

SOMEWHERE.

WHO WILL rise up.

AND I wanted it. AND ANOTHER boy wanted it. AND I got it. ND ONE Friday night. THE OTHER boy. WANT DOWN and bored a hole. WHEN FOR months and months. IN HE bottom of the boat. IVE BEEN shaving myself. AND FILLED It with stones. AND SHOVED it out. WITH THE same old blades. AND IT sank. AND WHEN I'd go to the druggist WHERE WE could all see it. AND WE found out.

AND SAY: THAT THE other boy did it. "PLEASE, MR. Druggist. AND HIS father found out. "A HALF dozen razor blades." AND LICKED him plenty. THE DRUGGIST would say: AND FOR four days. "I'M VERY sorry HE WAS diving down. BUT THE razor people. GETTING OUT the rocks. "CAN'T GET any steel." AND RAISING the boat. AND UM not a mechanic AND HE ruined his hands. OR A shipbuilder. AND GOT all shriveled. OR ANYTHING like that. FROM BEING in the water. BUT IT seems to me. AND IT seems to me. THAT ONE ship. THAT THAT boy's father. IF THEY could get it. HAD A lot more sense. AND CUT it up. THAN WHOEVER It is. INTO RAZOR blades. WANTS TO sink the ships. WOULD BE much better THAN TAKING the ship THAT WE got from German OUT INTO the ocean.

AND SINKING H. AND BESIDES that. JUST ON general principles. IT SEEMS so silly. AND I can remember. WHEN I was a boy. AND THERE were four of us. AND WE raised four dollars. AND BOUGHT a rowboat. AND RIGHT away. WE STARTED to quarrel. ABOUT WHO would have it. ON SATURDAY mornings.

Twice Told Tales 10 Years Ago. News of Memphis

25 Years Ago.

Ordera is reported rampant in the Cordova Hotel company last anary islands and 1,000 deaths have required there since the outbreak of to Dr. James A. Longinotti.

Just a Moment DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quinius, the Sunshine Man.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother, thou shalt not in any wise rebuke thy neighbor for his shortcomings, and not suffer sin upon him.

Discourtesy is a very common sin among Christian people, and arises from serious defects in Christian life. We speak to men harshly, we are ir-ritable and impatient; we are domi-We speak to men harshly, we are irritable and impatient; we are domineering, we make a jest of their fallures and imperfections; we treat them contemptuously; we make an ostentatious use of our powers over them; we make them feel that we attach not the slightest value to their judgment; and that we have no desire to give them pleasure. Such conduct arises from the wanton disregard of the claims of every man to consideration and respect. It destroys all the lightness and pleasantness of life, and condemns those who are subjected to it, to a dull and monotoness wretchedness.—R. W. Dale, D. D.

Some trust in charlots, and some in orses, but we will make mention of he name of the Lord our God -Ps. So long as our confidence is in finite hings our strength will be finite.— tobert F. Speer. Dayton, Ohio.

COMFORT BAGS.

What's in a comfort bau" I know. It is the generous heart of St Louis. Brooklyo, Chicago, Boston, Rochester, and Nashua, N. H., that has revealed itself to me in one little thoughtfulness after another. A scrapbook inscribed in a school child's hand to "My Solder Boy." a cake of soap tied with red ribbon and labeled. Let's soap it's good for somehody;" a piece of wedding cake with an autograph account of the event. You are very painstaking and rather wonderful—you women of America."—Shrifey Putnam in the Red Cross wonderful you women of Amer-Shirley Putnam in the Red Cross

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Police authorities in Jacksenville, Flai, have prohibited the boxing match between J. J. Corbett and Charley Mitchell.

JANUARY 1, 1909.

The king and queen of Italy are on a pious pilgrimage through the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, destroyed this week by an earthquake.

canary islands and 1.000 deaths have occurred there since the outbreak of the disease.

Porte Allegro, capital of Rio Grand. Brazil. has fallen into the hands of rehel troops, dispatches report.

The river at Memphis last night showed 8.2 feet and stationary; it will begin failing tomorrow.

Four eclipses of the sun and moon will occur this year, on March I, April 5 and Sept. 24 and 28.

The annual charity ball will be given tonight at the Peabody hotel by the elite of the city.

The volcano Popocatapetl near Peubla, Mexico, is in eruption, with no loss of life and little damage.

The United States cruiser San Francisco, Admiral Benham's flagship, arrived today at Pernambuco from Trinidad, en route to the Brazilian uprising.

LYCEUM Continuous 1 to 11 p.m.

A Happy and **Prosperous** New Year To All Start It Right See

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HAPPY NEW YEAR Gus Edwards & Co

(Himself) in a
WELCOME HOME SONG REVUE Assisted by a Collection of "Newly-Found" Youthful Talent 6-OTHER FEATURES-6

NEXT WEEK The Most Portentous Headliner of the Season Taylor Granville and

Laura Pierpont in "An American Ace"

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